



## Shaykh Shukrī al-Laḥfī

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‘Allāmah Shaykh Shukrī ibn Aḥmad al-Laḥfī is a renowned *faqīh*, a teacher of *qira’āt*, a linguist, a calligrapher, and a poet. He is also the leader of the Shādhilī *tariqa* in Damascus, Syria, after the passing of Shaykh Muṣṭafā al-Turkmānī ؒ, the Khalīfa of Shaykh ‘Abdul Raḥmān al-Shaghūrī ؒ.

Shaykh Shukrī was born in Damascus, Syria in 1920 CE (1338 H). He began memorizing the Qur’ān when he was about nine years old in the city of Aleppo. The Shaykh punctually attended the lessons conducted by the ‘Ulemā’ and he also studied at the Faculty of Sharī‘ah. Some of his teachers were:

- Shaykh ‘Abdul Ḥamīd Kaywān
- Shaykh ‘Abdul Qādir al-Arbīnī
- Shaykh Yūsuf Abū Dhayl

He served as a teacher in primary schools in Aleppo, Dāra and Damascus and was even the principal of one of the schools in Damascus. He is also proficient in Persian. Shaykh Shukrī organized courses for memorizing the Qurʾān for both male and female teachers, and they benefited greatly from him. Many more had memorized the Qurʾān under his guidance and supervision.

In 1966 CE (1385 H) he began preparing his book titled *Tuḥfat al-ʿAsr fī ʿIlm al-Qiraʾāt al-Mutawātirat al-Ashr*. In the book he mentioned the ten Qurrāʾ and their respective narrators and the variations in the recitations.

Shaykh Shukrī advised anyone who wished to memorize the Qurʾān to repeat the intended portion before going to bed, and to read it again after awaking. The person ought to try and set aside a portion to be read daily, or he may otherwise recite it with other people.

May Allāh protect him and may Allāh bless him in both the worlds.

